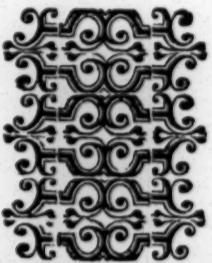
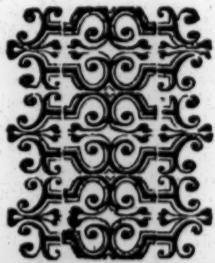


The seuerall Rates and taxations for wages,

made and set forth by the Justices of Peace, for the Citie of
New Sarum in the Countie of Wilts.

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Here in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xii. day of January, in the fift yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, it was enacted by the Queene our said Soueraigne Ladie, the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons in that Parliament assembled, that the Justices of the peace of euery Shire, Riding, & libertie, within the limites of their seuerall commissions, or the more part of them, being resiant within the same, & the Shiriffe of the countie, if he conueniently might, and every Maior, Basilie, or other head officer within any Citie or Towne corporate, wherein is any Justices of the peace within the limites of the said Citie or towne, should by force of the sayd Acte, yeerely after Easter at times conuenient, appoynted by the same, assemble themselves together, and calling before them such discrete and graue persons of the said Countie, Citie, and Towne, as they should thinke meet, & conferring together, respecting the plentie or scarcitie of the time and other circumstances necessarily to be considered, should by vertue of the sayd Act, within the limites and precincts of their seuerall commissions, limite, rate, and appoint the wages, as well of such and so many of the said Artificers, handicrafts men, husbandmen, or any other labourer, seruant, or workeman, whose wages in times past hath bene by any law of Statute rated and appointed, as also the wages of all other labourers, artificers, workemen, or apprentices of husbandry, which haue not bene rated, as the same Justices, Maiors, or head officers, within their seuerall commissions or liberties, should thinke meete by their discretions to be rated, limited, or appointed, and the same rates and taxations should certifie vnto the Queens highnes Court of Chancery before a certaine day limited in the sayd Acte. Whereupon it should be lawfull for the Lord Chauncellor, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, for the time being, vpon declaration thereof to her Highnes, her heires or successors, or to the Lords and others of her Maiesties priuy Counsell, to cause Proclamations to be printed and sent downe into euery of the sayd Shires & places, conteining the seuerall rates appointed by the sayd Justices and other head officers, commanding thereby in her Highnesse name, all persons straightly to obserue and keepe the same, vpon the danger of the punishment and forfaitures limited and appoynted by the sayd Act and Statute.

And where also it is further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all maner of person & persons, after such proclamation made, should obserue and keepe the sayd rates for wages, vpon paine of the forfeitures and penalties contained in the sayd Estatute, vntill by further order by Proclamation, according to the purport of the same Estatute, it should be other wise ordered and proclaimed: Wherefore the Queens Maiestie hauing received into her sayd Court of Chancery, amongst diuers other certificates, from sundry of her highnesse shires, cities and townes, one certificate from this her Citie of new Sarum in the Countie of Wilts, containing the rates for wages hereafter following, made, and appointed by the Justices of her Citie of new Sarum in the Countie of Wilts, according to the tenor of the same Acte: And minding to haue the same rates put in execution in all pointes, as by the processe of the same Acte is prescribed, like as her Maiestie hath & intendeth to do in all other her highnesse Counties & Shires, and other places of liberty within this her Realme: Therfore her Highnesse straightly chargeth & commandeth all maner person and persons within her Citie of new Sarum in the Countie of Wilts, to keepe and obserue in all points the said rates, taxations, orders and appoyntments for wages hereafter following and set forth vpon the paines and forsaytures appoynted by the sayd estatute, and vpon payne of her highnesse displeasure.

And further her highnesse pleasure and expresse commandement is, that all Justices of Peace, Sheriffs, and other officers of her said Citie of new Sarum in the Countie of Wilts, shall see and cause the same rates duely and severely to be obserued and kept in all points: And this proclamation to be vsed in euery behalfe according to the tenor, and effect of the same Act. And her Maiesties further pleasure and commandement is, that if any question, scruple, or doubt shall arise vpon any of the taxations or rates for her said City of new Sarum in the Countie of Wilts, hereunder mentioned: That then the same shall be resolued and determined by her highnesse Justices of peace, that did make and ordaine the same taxations and rates: And that all persons shall performe and keepe the same resolutions, orders, and determinations, so by them to be made and determined touching the same.

The Cite of Newe Sarum, in the Countie of Wiltes.

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We Thomas Grafton, Maior of the Cite of New Sarum in the Countie of Wiltes, Christopher Weekes and Robert Bower, Justices of the Peace of the Queenes Maiestie within the said Cite, assembling our selues together the xxiii. day of April, in the xxviii. yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, with other discreet persons of the same Cite, for the rating of wages of all Artificers, Handicrafstesmen and Labourers of the same Cite, according to a statute made in the fift yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and we the foresaid Maior and Justices, with other discreet persons, duely considering the same statute, and also the time present, haue with our whole assent made Rates of wages for all sortes of men and women, boyes and girles, as followeth.

Seruants not being Apprentices, seruynge their Masters by the yeere.



Ropers, Mercers, Grocers, Goldsmithes, Weauers, Tuckers, Taylers, Cloth-makers, Embroderers, Haberdashers, Hard-ware men, Fullers, Clothiers, Hosiery, Scheremen, Sadlers, Glouers, Cappers, Hat-makers, Bowyers, Fletcher, Cookes, the best sort, may take by the yeere hauing meate a drinke, iii.s. iiiid. and finding themselues meat and drinke v.li. the meaner sort lesse, as their masters and they can agree, according to the worthinesse or unworthinesse of the servant.

Carpenters, Wigners, Masons, Bricklayers, Helliers, Plumbers, Glasiuers, Curriers, Tanners, Blacksmithes, Shoemakers, Bakers, Brewers, Chandlers, Spurriers, Girdlers, Hubbers, or white-tawyers, Diers, Fishers, Miliners, Card-makers, Butchers, Brasiers, Pewterers, Armozers, Arrowhead-makers, felt-makers, Cowpers, Wheelers, of the best sort, hauing meate and drinke found them by their masters because of their hard labours, may take by the yeere iii.li. and finding themselues meat and drinke, may take by the yeere v.li. vi.s. viii.d. the meaner sort lesse, as their masters and they can agree, according to the worthinesse of the servant.

Bailiffs of Husbandry, chiefe Shepheard, chiefe Carter, common Hinde, with meate and drinke found them by their masters, may take by the yere, Bailife iii.li. chiefe shepheard iii.s. iiiid. chiefe Carter i.s. common Hinde xxiiii.s. iiiid. with liuery, the meaner sort lesse, as their masters and they can agree: respect had alwayes to the worthinesse and unworthinesse of the servant.

Women Seruants seruynge by the yeere, may take wages as followeth.

Women seruants aboue the age of xxiiii.yeres, with meate and drinke, xvi.s. viii.d. betweene xxiiii. and xv. with meate and drinke, x.s. vnder the age of xv. yeres, with meate and drinke, xiiii.s. iiiid.

Artificers and Labourers seruynge by the day.

Master Masons, and master Carpenters, hauing sixe men a piece vnder them, and taking charge of the worke vpon them, may take by the day with meate and drinke, vii.d. and finding themselues, iiiid. free Masons, Carpenters, Rough Masons, Bricklayers, Helliers, Plasterers, Plumbers, Glasiuers, Sawyers, Cowpers, Wheelers, the best sort may take by the day from Easter to Michaelmas without meate and drinke, iiiid. with meate and drinke, vii.d. from Michaelmas to Easter with meate and drinke, v.d. without meate and drinke x.d. the meaner sort lesse, as their masters and they can agree, according to the worthinesse of the servant.

All other labourers not before named, labouring by the day, may take by the day from Easter to Michaelmas (haruest except) with meate and drinke, iiiid. without meate and drinke, vii.d. from Michaelmas to Easter with meate and drinke, iiiid. without meate and drinke, vii.d.

Haruest men working by the day, may take for every day hauing meate and drinke found them, as followeth: Mowers being men, vi.d. men reapers, vi.d. women reapers, iiiid. Carters, v.d. Binders, v.d. Grippers, iiiid. Boyes and Maides vnder the age of xvi.yeres, iiiid. and finding themselues, may take, Mowers vii.d. men reapers, vii.d. women reapers vii.d. Carters x.d. Pitchers x.d. Binders x.d. Grippers vii.d. boyes and maides vnder the age of xvi.yeres, vii.d.

Sawyers sawing by the hundred foote, may take for the hundred foote xviid. As for Shypwrights, Clinchers, Calkers, Hewers, Holders, Thatchers, Threshers, Hedgers, Ditchers, Palers, Rakers, and such other like, wherein we being Citizens, haue little or none experiance haue thought good not to enter-meddle with them, but referre the order of them to the better expermented, submitting our selues to their skilfull determination therein.

God save the Queene.

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